

Application No.: 09/888,118
Amendment dated: April 8, 2004
Reply to Office Action of December 8, 2003

REMARKS

Applicants have adopted the Examiner's position regarding the allowable subject matter of claim 69. So the Applicants have amended independent claim 56 to include the subject matter of dependent claim 69— thereby having the effect of placing claim 69 in independent form. The pending dependent claims are now dependent on allowable claim 56. And because claim 69 has been incorporated into claim 56, claim 69 has been cancelled.

In view of Applicants adopting the Examiner's position regarding the allowable subject matter, reconsideration and withdrawal of any rejection(s) directed to claims 56-68 and 70 is requested. All of the claims now pending are allowable in light of the current Office Action. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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